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# VISITOR NUMBERS 'HIGHEST IN OXON'

## Figures show tourism on the rise in West Oxfordshire

Wildlife Park's annual animal count - see page 11

By Adam Flinn
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SPENDING on tourism has increased three per cent in West Oxfordshire in 2012, with the district seeing the highest increase in the county.

The new figures saw the total spent on tourism rising from £260.4m in 2011 to £268.2m in 2012, with an estimated extra 140,000 visitors coming to the district that year.

It comes from the latest Economic Impact of Tourism Study by Tourism South East, which provides a mix of services to support tourism in the region.

Cllr Richard Langridge, cabinet member with responsibility for tourism at West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), was pleased with the news.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted that these latest figures show an increase in both spending and visitors to our district. Of course, the Olympics will have had an effect on tourism in 2012, but we have been on an upward trend in West Oxfordshire in recent years and it is great to see this continuing, especially given the difficulties in the UK economy.

"I cannot stress enough how important tourism is to West Oxfordshire.

"It is great to see from this study that the increases are in line with our strategy of ensuring the district is a must-see destination, and getting visitors to stay longer and spend more."

There were also increases in the amount of day trips and overnight stays, with increases of 3.6 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively, and a rise in spending in both areas.

While the study did show a small decline in the number of overseas visitors staying in the district, spending in this category rose by 3.3 per cent.

The number of tourism-related jobs in West Oxfordshire remained the same at 4,800, and reflects around 10 per cent of the district's workforce.

WODC promotes the area under the brand of the 'Oxfordshire Cotswolds' by supporting local businesses and operating visitor information centres in Burford and Witney.

This also includes producing a visitor guide and other specialist publications, such as the recently launched Downton Abbey leaflet featuring information and film locations from the show.

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# Oxon research shows wettest ever January

**Wet Januarys**
- **2014** - *146.9mm*
- **1852** - *138.7mm*
- **1995** - *131.4mm*
- **1948** - *127.3mm*
- **1877** - *115.1mm*
- **1939** - *112.8mm*

** Figures courtesy of the Radcliffe Meteorological Station at Oxford University*

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IT is hardly surprising that last month was one of the wettest since records began, but Oxford University experts have now officially confirmed it.

The University's Radcliffe Meteorological Station recorded 146.9mm of rainfall for January.

This exceeds the previous high for January with 138.7mm in 1852, with the university recording rainfall since the 1760s.

Experts say last month's rainfall is almost three times what is normally expected.

Since the station's records began, the average rainfall in January has been 52.5mm.

Dr Ian Ashpole, Radcliffe Meteorological observer, based at the university, said: "This January has had a very high number of 'very wet' days rather than a few 'monster' ones.

"People who live in the Oxford area endured consistently wet weather all January this year, with only one rain-free day."

Scientists say it rained every day last month, apart from January 11, and for 23 days out of 31 we experienced 2mm of rainfall or higher.

At the beginning of last month, Abingdon Road and Botley Road were closed in both directions after water completely covered the routes.

Seacourt Park and Ride was also forced to close while flooding also affected Binsey Lane, Ferry Hinksey Road and the Wytham to Wolvercote Road.

The county experienced more heavy rain yesterday with a flood warning in place for the River Thames and tributaries at New Botley, New and North Hinksey and Grandpoint.

A statement on the Environment Agency website stated that in the "Godstow, Osney and Botley Road areas river level remain high and are also increasing slowly".

Water levels on the River Thames are also continuing to rise between Abingdon and Clifton Hampden.

However, the Environmental Agency do not expect any properties to flood.

Oxfordshire County Council announced last month that a flooding summit will take place on March 21.

Various organisations will be invited to discuss the issue and work to reduce the risk to homes, businesses and transport links.

*• The wet weather has brought misery to Oxford in the last few weeks*

Floods may be the 'new normal'




By Adam Flinn

Floods cause county chaos

By Adam Flinn





*• A playground is flooded and a motorist carefully negotiates the standing water*

*• A previous story on how flooding could become an even more regular Oxfordshire occurrence*

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# Consultation launched on A34 slip road plans

A CONSULTATION on proposals for new slip roads on the A34, which could help alleviate local roads in South Oxfordshire, is underway.

The county council wish to discuss plans for new north facing slip roads at the Chilton Interchange which would cost £10million.

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Members of the public can also leave comments on the county council website.

The slip roads have been designed to improve the accessibility of the Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone.

The zone engulfs Didcot, Wantage, Grove, Culham Science Centre, Milton Park and Harwell Oxford.

Harwell's campus is said to benefit the most from the addition of the slip roads.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport at the county council, said: "Current routes to Harwell Oxford using local roads from Milton Interchange and via Rowstock roundabout are already congested.

"New slip roads at Chilton interchange will give people an alternative to these routes.

"And increased confidence in the transport network and direct access from the A34 will attract business investment in the Enterprise Zone at Harwell Oxford which will lead to more jobs."

With the Science Vale set for further expansion, Cllr Nimmo Smith added: "Major growth is proposed across the Science Vale area including 14,000 new homes and 16,000 jobs by 2029.

"Harwell Oxford campus, together with Milton Park, is part of the Science Vale Enterprise Zone, which will lead to an increase in more than 8,000 jobs in the area by 2015."

The A34 junction at Chilton currently only has south facing slip roads with no access to or from the north.

Oxfordshire County Council would fund the scheme with £5million of Department for Transport Local Pinch Point Funding and support from the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Exhibitions at All Saint's Church, Chilton, take place today (4pm-8pm), tomorrow (3pm-7pm) and Saturday (10am-1pm).

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# Teenager jailed for robbery and fraud

AN OXFORD man has been jailed after forcing another man to draw out money from cash machines, which he then stole from him.

In the early hours of November 16, 19-year-old Michael McDonagh and another man took their victim in a car before demanding his bank card and pin number.

They withdrew a total of £300 in two successful transactions, and threatened to burgle the man's house.

The victim, a 21-year-old man visiting his old college, was then dumped in a field in Barton. He suffered cuts and bruises as a result of the ordeal.

McDonagh, of Bullingdon Road, admitted robbery and fraud by false representation at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

A third count against him, kidnap, was left to lie on file.

Investigating officer Det Con Darren Little, of Oxford Local Area CID, said: "This was a particularly nasty and sustained robbery which lasted for a significant period of time.

• *Michael McDonagh*

"The victim was driven to various locations and repeatedly threatened and these threats included that they would burgle his family home.

"This sentence sends out a strong message that we take offences of this nature seriously and that we will always work to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice."

## News Bites

### Royal visit

THE Countess of Wessex will be visiting Oxford next Thursday as she officially opens the Highfield Unit, a facility which helps people aged 11 to 18 with acute mental health needs.

Highfield opened to patients at the beginning of 2013, and the £11m unit has 18 bedrooms, a state-of-the-art music suite and dedicated learning zone to help patients continue their education. The Countess will receive a tour of the site, meet patients and speak to staff involved in the development of the unit.

### Union strike

OXFORD members of Unite, the country's largest union of higher education staff, will stage a third one day strike today in a dispute over pay.

Union members are unhappy with what they have described as a 'paltry' one per cent pay offer, following news that some university vice-chancellors were receiving big pay rises.

### Be vigilant

OXFORDSHIRE County Council's Trading Standards officers and firefighters are warning that many mattresses and sofas are not compliant with safety regulations.

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## Ticket scam artist now behind bars

A TAXI driver has been sentenced to six months' in prison for a speeding ticket scam in Oxford.

Stephen Foster-Dight, 57, of Marlow Bottom, Marlow, was caught for speeding in the Oxford area three times in November and December 2012.

However, when sent notices he did not admit to being the driver.

Instead Foster-Dight provided police with details of a man in America for two of the offences and his wife for the other.

He was charged with perverting the course of justice and pleaded guilty.

Investigating officer PC Carl Lewis said: "This sends out a clear message that those who try to evade the relevant penalties for speeding offences will be dealt with. By asking family members to accept speeding tickets that are not their own also puts them at serious risk of receiving a prison sentence."

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# We want an end to abuse of women

By **Adam Flinn**

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• *Last year's flash mob in Oxford*

WOMEN in Oxford will be taking part in a major global campaign to end violence against women by staging a flash mob and a feminist street party in Gloucester Green on Valentine's Day.

Those taking part will join women worldwide in supporting the One Billion Rising initiative, which demands justice for the one billion women who are raped or beaten during their lifetime.

This year's campaign is backed by a number of celebrities, with many women in London attending a large gathering in Trafalgar Square.

Oxford's event will demand an end to such abuse and call for the modernisation of compulsory sex education in British schools.

Event organiser for Oxford Dana Mills said: "This is an event to show women are not afraid and are not vulnerable.

"We will be joining forces in dance to resist violence in a non-violent way, and we will be dancing to show that togetherness and joy will overcome violence and anger."

Lynne Franks, lead organiser of the UK campaign, said: "It is a crucial time for London to be taking a leadership role in this major international campaign.

"As a global hub, we have the opportunity to amplify the key messages of One Billion Rising from our event at Trafalgar Square to the rest of the world."

The One Billion Rising Campaign was established last year on the 15th anniversary of the V-Day movement, which was launched by activist and writer Eve Ensler in 1998.

Eve said: "In 2013, one billion rose around the world to end violence against women and girls in the biggest mass action in the history of the world.

"This year we are escalating and connecting the dots.

"We are rising for gender, economic, racial, environmental justice. We are rising and dancing with our bodies, to end the violations towards out bodies and the body of the Earth."

## Culture boost in bid to raise museum cash

OXFORD'S Town Hall is set to be home to arts and culture events in an effort to raise money for the development of the city's museum.

The Old Museum space will host pre-Ashmolean Live Friday parties, theatre, dance and film among its events, thanks to a £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund.

It is the first stage in a three year programme to refurbish the space and work towards an expanded and community-led museum.

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "This grant will be used to develop arts programming in the Old Museum over the next two years to drive fundraising for the Museum of Oxford's future development.

"We have been delighted with the popularity of the small museum facility that we have in the town hall and our plans for the old space are exciting.

"The museum was much loved and has benefitted enormously from the enthusiasm of a whole team of volunteers over the past three years.

"The old space needs investment and some TLC. We hope that this is the start to improving that facility."

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## MP's Corner

*Ed Vaizey*

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### Make sure your vote counts

ON February 5, Bite the Ballot, a national, party-neutral organisation, celebrated National Voter Registration Day. They ran a day of events across the country aiming to get as many people as possible, and 250,000 on the day, to register to vote. As I write this, I don't know how well they did, but I am sure that this is a crucial message: Please make sure you are on the electoral roll, and make sure that when you have the opportunity, you vote.

National Voter Registration Day marks the anniversary of the Great Reform Act, introduced on February 5, 1832, and the introduction of voter registration, a reminder that while we all have the opportunity to vote today, that right was hard-won.

It was only in 1928, less than a century ago, that women were allowed to vote on an equal basis with men in the UK. Thanks to modern communications we can all see occasions in other countries when people still fight for the right to vote or will wait all day to exercise that right, seeing it as something to battle for and safeguard. Perhaps in the UK we take the right to vote too much for granted.

I know that there has been a lot of publicity recently, about suggestions that there is no point in voting as all parties are really the same. As you might expect, I don't share that view. While many politicians of all parties share a wish to do the best for their community and their country, we do have very different ideas about what the best thing to do really is.

In just over a year's time at the next General Election, we'll all have the chance to choose who represents us. At the moment, there is one seat in Parliament where the incumbent has a majority of just four votes: if three people had voted differently, there might be a different MP.

Elsewhere there is a majority of 42, so small majorities are not as rare as you might think. That means that your vote can really make a difference. Even in areas where there is a strong tendency towards one particular party the change in numbers from one election to the next gives a strong signal to national politicians about how people in general feel about their policies, and that too makes a difference to how policies are planned.

If you are still not convinced, why not take a look at Bite the Ballot's website and read their arguments for yourself.

# Bus group to lobby for judicial review

By **Jack Johnson**

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A CAMPAIGN group, against the county council's decision to end free transport for hundreds of schoolchildren, says it will be seeking a judicial review.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet unanimously voted to provide free transport to only the nearest school in the county.

This has prompted Oxon School Bus Action Group, which has over 1,400 likes on Facebook, to take action over concerns about the consultation process.

Sue Moon, co-ordinator of the campaign group, said: "We have forwarded information, regarding the consultation process, on to our legal team who are looking into [a judicial review] now.

"The information was drip-fed into the public domain during the consultation process so anybody who responded early on could quite well have not been in possession of all of the facts.

"There were instances where the council knew there was incorrect information in the public domain and they neglected to correct it and we do have emails to back that up."

Cllr Melinda Tilley, cabinet member for Children, Education and Families, says a judicial review will be expensive.

"A judicial review cannot change the decision unless the process was flawed," Cllr Tilley said. "We were very careful to do more than the required minimum the second time we did the consultation. I don't think there are grounds for a judicial review. It's tax payers money, which annoys me if we are going to be spending it on something which isn't going to be worth it."

The changes will be phased in from September 2015 while fares for post-16 travel will be increased by 10 per cent and then by five per cent for the following five years.

When it comes to 'split villages', where pupils are closer to different schools, free transport will be provided to the catchment school for all addresses if 20 per cent of pupils have to attend a different education provider.

Ms Moon added: "By use of a public finance specialist we managed to give both the educational scrutiny committee and cabinet members enough evidence to have voted no to the proposals and unfortunately, faced with that really tough decision, they made the wrong one."

## College's 'Send a sheep' gift

*• Karen Broadbent (left) with Oxfam branch manager Mai Lee Burgess*

THE Henley College has given the town's branch of Oxfam £385, after it was raised by staff and students as part of the charity's 'Send a Sheep' campaign.

The money was presented to the charity last Thursday, following the launch of the appeal in November which, according to the college, enjoyed a 'really positive response'.

Oxfam will be able to use the money to send 15 sheep to help poor families around the world, and are used because of their ability to thrive in a variety of environments, producing milk, and fertilisation.

College librarian Karen Broadbent said: "The response we received was fantastic and it wasn't long before the money came rolling in! It has been a very successful appeal thanks to the generosity of students and staff. It's wonderful to think that this little bit of fundraising will make such a difference to a number of families."

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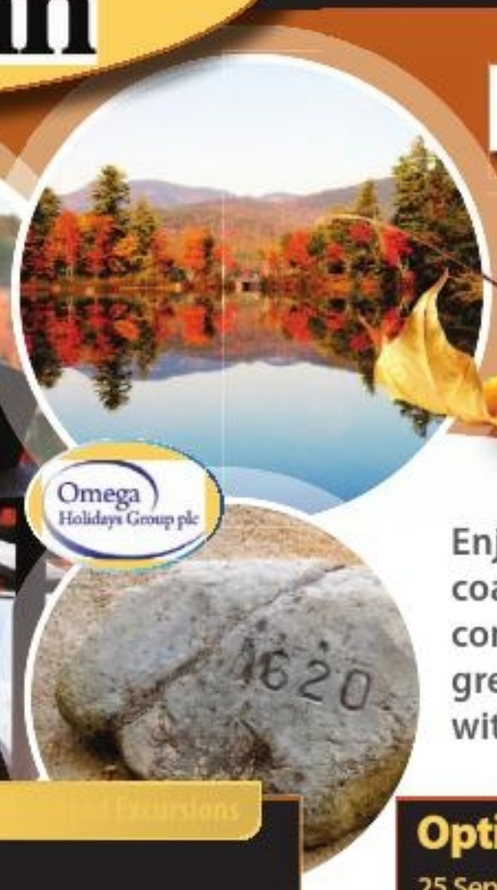




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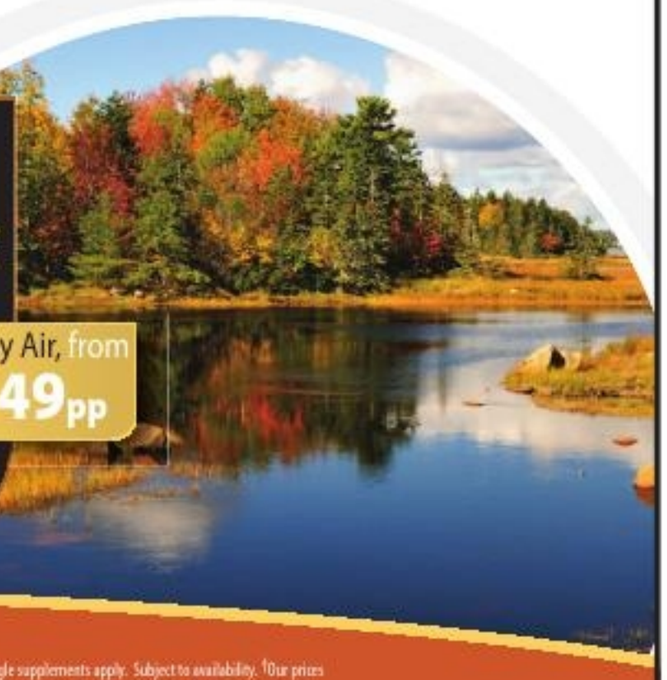

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## News Bites

### 'I won't quit'

HENLEY town councillor David Silvester has refused to resign after blaming the recent storms on the legislation of gay marriage.

Cllr Silvester was expelled by UKIP earlier this week and says he intends to remain on the town council.

An online petition demanding Cllr Silvester's resignation has attracted just under 25,000 signatures.

### Police appeal

OFFENDERS tried to force their way in to a Tiddington property in an attempted burglary on January 30.

They attempted to force a fully glazed sidedoor and smashed a rear door pane between 9.30am and 4.30pm at a house in Sunnyside, Oxford Road.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

### Tools taken

FOUR chainsaws, a blower, hedge cutter and a woodchipper have been stolen from an outbuilding in Chesterton.

Between 6pm on January 30 and 9am on January 31, offenders removed two padlocks to the building at Bignell Park before taking the items. The woodchipper is marked with registration OY03 MXR. Contact PSCO Christopher Kidd on 101.

# Child abuse bill 'signed and sealed'

**MP's Corner**
*John Howell*
*MP for Henley*

## The long-term plan is working

THE Prime Minister has announced that this is the first government in modern history to reduce overall domestic regulation for business while in office. It will be the first to finish a parliament with less regulation in place than it started with. That should come as welcome news to businesses in the constituency who are suffering under the gold plating of regulations. Supporting business is a crucial part of our long-term economic plan, creating more jobs and increasing the country's economic security.

That is why the Prime Minister has insisted on getting rid of needless regulation. We will be scrapping or amending over 3,000 regulations. This will save business well over £850million every single year. This includes making it easier and cheaper for businesses to meet environmental obligations, and helping house builders build more by cutting down overlapping standards for new homes.

Businesses now have more money to invest in keeping hardworking people employed and creating new jobs. This means peace of mind for millions who, thanks to our long-term plan, can now feel more secure about having a steady income and a better future for Britain. It certainly seems to be working in the Henley constituency. The total number unemployed and claiming JSA this month came to 429. That says a lot both about the willingness of our local businesses to be ready for expansion and for the ability of people to find a job.

It also comes at the right time. The Office for National Statistics released this week its figures for growth in quarter 4 of 2013. The number was 0.7 per cent. This means that we have seen the best annual growth since 2007. That in turn means we have restored a large part of the economy wiped out by Labour's recession. But businesses in the constituency can look forward with optimism to the times ahead. It is more evidence that our long term economic plan is working.

By **Jack Johnson**
*jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk*

NICOLA Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, has expressed her delight at the passing of new legislation tackling child sex abuse.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill returned for final approval in the House of Commons on Tuesday and will now continue on to Royal Assent.

Last year, Ms Blackwood successfully tabled an amendment to the Bill as part of her Childhood Lost campaign.

She asked the government to replace the civil prevention order regime for children, with a new Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Order.

The new clause will reform previous Risk of Sexual Harm Orders by removing the requirement to prove two contact offences from a list in the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

It will be easier for police to tackle suspected sex abusers, while the courts will decide whether an order is necessary to protect a child, or children generally, from serious sexual harm.

• *Nicola Blackwood in parliament*

Ms Blackwood said: "Having fought hard for this important change in the law, I am delighted it will effectively be signed and sealed.

"All through the campaign we have received astonishing levels of support from members of the public, local and national charities and MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum.

"The new Order will ensure that the police can intervene much earlier to protect victims of child sexual exploitation."

Ms Blackwood launched the Childhood Lost campaign last August in response to the Oxford child sex ring case.

Seven men were convicted of offences including rape, facilitating child prostitution and trafficking towards young women between 2004 and January 2012.

Mohammed Karrar, Assad Hussain, Zeeshan Ahmed, Kamar Jamil, Anjum Dogar, Akhtar Dogar and Bassam Karrar were jailed for a total of 95 years.

As part of the campaign, Ms Blackwood called upon the Prime Minister to implement six steps to stop exploitation.

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# Queen's Baton Relay is set to return to Oxford

REMINISCENT of two years ago, a baton celebrating a sporting event on our shores will be passing through the city this summer.

The Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) will come to Oxford on June 6, drumming up support for Team England ahead of this July's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Starting the day at the grounds of Magdalen College, the baton will make its way to Cutteslowe to celebrate the games, as well as to promote participation in sport.

Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for Park, Sport and Events at Oxford City Council, said: "I'm delighted that Oxford was selected to host the Queen's Baton Relay.

"This is a great opportunity for our city to show its support for Team England and help get the local people active."

Celebrations will also continue into the evening with the Cutteslowe Summer Festival.

Dame Kelly Holmes, double Olympic champion and Commonwealth Games England President, added: "Oxford has a huge sporting tradition and I know that public here will support the English athletes at the Games in July.

By Jack Johnson
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She added: "The QBR is a great chance to both send your backing to the Team in Glasgow and have a go at some of the sports that will be available at QBR events."

As the traditional curtain-raiser to the Commonwealth Games, the QBR visits 68 nations and contains a message from the Queen to the Commonwealth which is read out at the opening ceremony.

The baton's visit to England is the last international leg of the relay before it goes north of the border to Scotland.

After travelling through Oxford, the baton will head to London before moving on to Suffolk, Leicester, Hull, Leeds, Newcastle and on to its final event at Alnwick Castle in Northumberland.

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## The animals came in, two by two...

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park in Burford has undertaken its annual animal count, as they go about updating their records and recording the new additions from the past year.

A total of 1,512 animals from 258 different species are currently housed at the park, including the first baby rhino to be born at the site since it opened in 1970.

Other additions included four red-footed tortoises, which emerged after their parents had buried the eggs deep underground in their enclosure, to the surprise of staff.

The frilled lizards and mouse lemurs were also successfully bred for the first time at the park, along with the first parent-reared Humboldt penguin chicks in seven years.

One of the more difficult species to count were the bats, with a large quantity of them flying around in the dark.

Primate section head Chris Kibbey said: "Our Seba's bate and Egyptian fruit bats are nocturnal, so are only active in the dark.

"They also carry newborn babies under their wing, which can make spotting them tricky.

"Therefore, the keepers count the bats during the early morning, before the lights go down. The bats are usually roosting at this time, so quiet footsteps and a keen eye are usually what is needed before they wake up."

*• The four baby red-footed tortoises, whose birth came as a surprise to staff (Picture courtesy of Cotswold Wildlife Park)*

## Officer found guilty of misconduct

A SERVING police officer has been convicted of misconduct in a public office in Oxford.

Sugra Hanif, 26, from Bretch Hill in Banbury, was found guilty along with Raza Khan, from Ivy Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict for a third defendant.

Hanif allegedly sold personal information to Khan and the other defendant, and both were convicted at Winchester Crown Court last Thursday.

Both are scheduled to be sentenced at the same court on March 7, while the Crown Prosecution Service are considering whether or not to request a re-trial in the case of the other defendant.

Deputy chief constable Francis Habgood said: "It is essential that the people of the Thames Valley have absolute trust and confidence in the Force and its officers to serve with integrity and professionalism at all times.

"The jury has found that the conduct of PC Hanif fell below the standards Thames Valley Police expects from its officers. We will now progress with misconduct proceedings."

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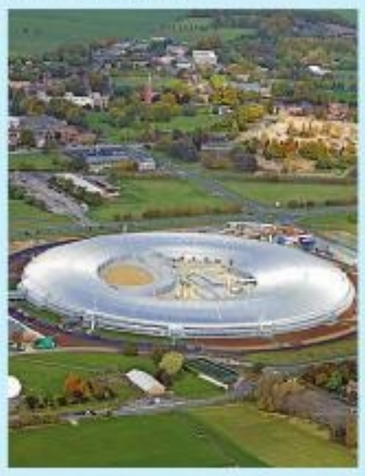
# Youth to benefit from 'landmark' City Deal

## What does the City Deal mean for the county?

- Investment of £67m in new innovation centres at Harwell, Culham, Oxford BioEscalator and Begbroke
- Acceleration of the delivery of 7,500 homes
- Investment in a Growth Hub to help small and medium enterprises
- Three new transport schemes supporting developments at the Enterprise Zone, Northern Gateway and first phase of the 'Science Transit'
- Creation of 18,600 new jobs and a further 31,400 in construction
- Delivery of over 500 new apprenticeships



YOUNG people across the county will be among thousands to benefit from the signing of Oxford and Oxfordshire's landmark City Deal.

The multi-million pound deal will create more than 50,000 jobs, 500 apprenticeships and the delivery of over 7,000 homes.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg signed the deal last week and described it as a "message of hope" for the unemployed younger generation.

The City Deal will also see major improvements to the road network as well as a new 'Science Transit' public transport scheme.

New innovation centres will also be built at Harwell, Culham, Oxford BioEscalator and Begbroke.

Mr Clegg said: "For those youngsters who are writing one CV after the next and are not getting any answer and are getting frustrated sat at home, this City Deal is a message of hope because this will create thousands of new jobs."

The City Deal will help to create more than 18,000 long-term jobs with an added 30,000 in construction to support the development of the area.

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Mr Clegg added: "By creating thousands of jobs and hundreds of new apprenticeships, this deal has the genuine power to change the fortunes of many people across the region, ensuring we are building a stronger economy and doing it fairly."

The Deputy Prime Minister continued: "We believe that government doesn't always know best.

"The best way to unlock growth, create more jobs and opportunities for young people is to allow local areas, communities, business people and decision makers to make more of their own decisions.

"Oxford has got this world beating reputation for science and innovation but what we have got to do is package it altogether in a deal."

Central government is supplying £55million worth of funding for innovation, transport and skills, combined with £40million from local authorities.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said the City Deal is "a fantastic opportunity and is just the start".

• *Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Minister for Cities Greg Clarke sign the Oxford and Oxfordshire City Deal*

He said: "This is recognition from central government that Oxfordshire is a place that is here to do business.

"We have got the big science capability around Harwell and Culham, we have got some fantastic brains coming out of Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University and we have just got to bring them all together to make sure they stay here.

"It has got to be a good deal for Oxfordshire and it really puts us to the forefront of growing the country out of recession."

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, added: "This City Deal is about central government, local government and local business working together to invest what's needed to create the jobs, infrastructure, skills and housing we need for our local economy to fulfil its truly extraordinary potential."

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### On display

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Following the public's feedback, the plans will be finalised, by owners SIAHAF and architects Haworth Tompkins, and submitted to the city council.

### Bee involved

THE first Oxford Bee Summit, organised by Friends of the Earth, is set to take place tomorrow at the Museum of Natural History.

It will bring together local organisations and people with an interest in helping to reverse the decline of bees. The summit will begin at 10am with Prof Charles Godfray, hope professor of Zoology at Oxford University, speaking at the event.

### Spring clean

OXFORD City Council's Cleaner, Greener Campaign returned to the streets of Blackbird Leys earlier this week. The campaign team have been carrying out a deep clean of the shopping areas at Blackbird Leys Road and Balfour Road.

# Health services panel seek public opinion

A MULTI-agency committee is recruiting members of the public to help analyse proposals for substantial changes to health services in Oxfordshire.

Three people are being sought to join the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee, which is made up of 12 county, district and city councillors.

The committee meets in public and looks at a range of issues to do with the planning, provision and operation of Oxfordshire's health services.

Public members take on a non-political advisory role to the committee, and help scrutinise health services in the county.

Oxfordshire County Council spokesman Marcus Mabberley said: "Those interested in becoming a co-opted member for a two-year term in the non-political role from April 1 should have a good knowledge of the local health system."

He added that candidates should have an "awareness of the challenges it faces and be able to have a wide view of how health services affect the whole county.

"They should also know the role of scrutiny in local government and local health services and have time to be fully involved in the work of the committee.

"The role, which does not have voting rights, is intended to assist the committee in its work. Co-opted members would be invited to contribute to discussions.

"The committee looks at the actions and performance of commissioners and providers.

"This includes the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford University Hospitals Trust, Oxford Health Foundation Trust and South Central Ambulance Service."

Committee members meet approximately five times a year for around half a day, with other meetings taking place as and when they are required.

The deadline for applications is February 21. Anyone interested in applying for the position can find out more information at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/scrutinyrecruit.

By Adam Flinn
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## Police release E-fit after PCSO is run over

• *Do you recognise this man?*

AN E-FIT of a man who ran over an on-duty Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) last month has been released.

At around 4.35pm on January 15, the officer approached a man who seemed to be tampering with number plates on a black Volkswagen Golf.

When he saw the officer, the man jumped into the Golf and reversed at speed into him.

The PCSO required hospital treatment for cuts and bruises.

The suspect is described as white, 5ft 7ins tall, aged in his 30s or 40s with ginger hair and a ginger beard.

He was also wearing a dark jacket at the time.

Police continue to appeal for witnesses to the incident to come forward, in particular a woman, believed to be in her 50s, who walked past with her Red Setter dog.

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It will feature wines from other 20 different countries, alongside a selection from England's best vineyards and other emerging regions.

The festival will also include tutored tasting sessions hosted by some of the world's leading authorities on wine, as well as food and live music.

Chris Bowling, one of the founders of the festival, said: "We are creating a really ambitious event that will draw in people from both the city and from around the world.

"We want an event that reflects the host city – intelligent, fun, atmospheric and renowned.

"This will be an opportunity to meet new people, discover new wines, and enjoy this world-famous location with a glass of wine in your hand.

"It is a chance for both tourists and locals to sample everything that is delicious and fascinating in today's world of wine."

Over 3,000 people are expected to attend the festival over the two days.

For more information, go to the website: www.oxfordwinefestival.org.

# Ollie jazzing it up after £30k grant

A SOUTH Oxfordshire jazz drummer has been awarded a Sky Academy Arts Scholarship, earning him a £30,000 grant towards his next album.

Ollie Howell, from Warborough, near Wallingford, is one of just five award winners this year, and is also the first jazz musician to be chosen in the history of the scholarship.

It comes a year after his debut album 'Sutures and Stitches', which was released worldwide to critical acclaim. But the album also has an incredible back-story, as it was written during periods he spent in hospital after being diagnosed with a brain malformation in 2009.

He endured several neurosurgeries at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital, and is now living in London and performing all over the world.

Speaking of the award, Ollie said: "I still can't believe it really, it's going to be such an incredible experience.

"I've been so thankful for all the recent praise that my debut album has been receiving and to all the audiences at my gigs, and I can't wait to get started on this next project now.

"I'd obviously like to say a huge thanks to Sky Arts and Ideas Tap for this amazing opportunity."

By Adam Flinn
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Ollie's musical education started with piano lessons at his family home at the age of seven, before he went to Wallingford School where he began to learn the drums.

Following that he moved on to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, graduating with a first-class honours degree in 2011.

It was while he was studying at the college that he caught the attention of music legend Quincy Jones, who has since become Ollie's friend and mentor.

Quincy has called Ollie "an unbelievable drummer, so creative I couldn't believe it.

"This kid really is a 360-degree beautiful young cat that I believe has what it takes to make a life out of music."

Ollie is now set to record his next CD at the end of 2015, and will also feature a live DVD and a documentary on Sky Arts.

He will be touring again in the autumn.

• Ollie Howell

## News Bites

### Get active

WITNEY'S Windrush Leisure Centre is starting two new sports sessions this week, with women-only netball and over-50s indoor bowls.

Netball begins on Sunday, and offers women the chance to try out the sport in a non-competitive environment, with a coach on hand to give tips and advice. Each session costs £4 and run weekly from 9am to 10am. Participants can turn up on the day, and the sessions are suitable for all abilities.

Meanwhile, over-50s can give indoor bowls try, with sessions taking place on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3pm and Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11am.

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### Burglary

A TOBACCO tin was stolen in a burglary at a Didcot home on January 31 while the victim was asleep.

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# Boyz are back in town!

POPULAR dance troupe Balletboyz, featuring 10 of the country's best male dancers, bring their new show 'theTalent' to Oxford's New Theatre tomorrow.

This is the first time that the group have performed in Oxford, and they will be working with leading UK choreographers Liam Scarlett and Russell Maliphant to perform 'Fallen' and 'Serpent'.

Artistic directors Michael Nunn and William Trevitt founded Balletboyz in 2001, and are looking forward to this latest tour.

By Adam Flinn
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Michael said: "The work always grows and develops. We have new people dancing different roles and we always want to find ways for the pieces to remain fresh.

"If there are new challenges for the dancers, that translates into an exciting performance for the audience.

"In the early performances (of 'Fallen' and 'Serpent'), we really liked the sense of watching pure potential on the stage.

"It could be a little rough around the edges at times, but it was thrilling to see young dancers given such an opportunity.

"Now, a few years later, they are a little older, stronger, more experienced and their confidence means that as directors, we know they will deliver."

William added: "This is a perfect opportunity for us to engage with new audiences as well as to perform with Balletboyz fans around the country.

"We've got a really strong company in 'theTalent' and in 'Serpent' and 'Fallen', we've got a really interesting double bill that I think appeals to a very wide audience."

Performing in the Oxford show will be Andrea Carrucciu, Flavien Esmieu, Marc Galvez, Adam Kirkham, Jordan Olpherts, Edward Pearce, Leon Poulton, Matthew Rees. Matthew Sandiford and Bradley Waller.

Tomorrow's show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £11.90. To book, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

• *Balletboyz make their debut visit to the New Theatre tomorrow and (inset) Michael Nunn and William Trevitt*

## Open house

OXFORD'S Pegasus Theatre are holding an Open House weekend on Saturday and Sunday, for visitors to pop in and have a tour of the building and find out more about what's going on at the venue. Dancing, crafts and choir singing are all on the agenda, and all of the events are free to take part in. A full programme of workshops is available from www.pegasus-theatre.org.uk.

## It's Dracula

THE classic tale of Bram Stoker's Dracula comes to Didcot in a live performance tomorrow night, set in late 19th century England and Transylvania.

It is enacted by Blackeyed Theatre, and offers a chance to see the popular story in a live show to follow the countless film adaptations.

Tickets cost £14.50, and the show begins at 8pm.

## Miles Jupp

ACTOR, writer and comedian Miles Jupp is making a return to stand-up after two years, and is performing at Henley's Kenton Theatre on Saturday and Sunday.

He has regularly appeared in shows such as 'Have I Got News For You', 'Mock the Week' and 'The News Quiz', and will be discussing a range of topics in this weekend's shows from the government to people's pants.

Tickets cost £16.

## Jo Caulfield

STAND-UP comic Jo Caulfield brings her 'Celebration of Anger' to the North Wall Arts Centre on Sunday, to talk about vacuous celebrities, endless TV quiz shows and drunken girlfriends.

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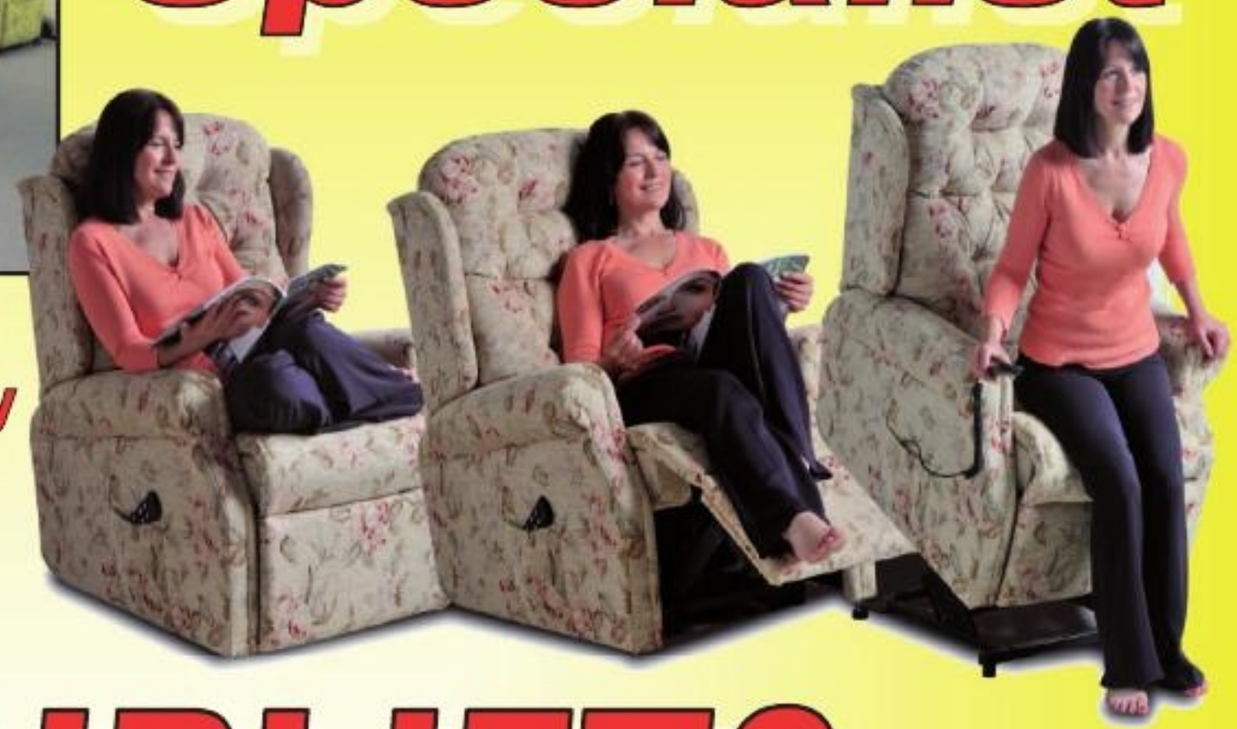

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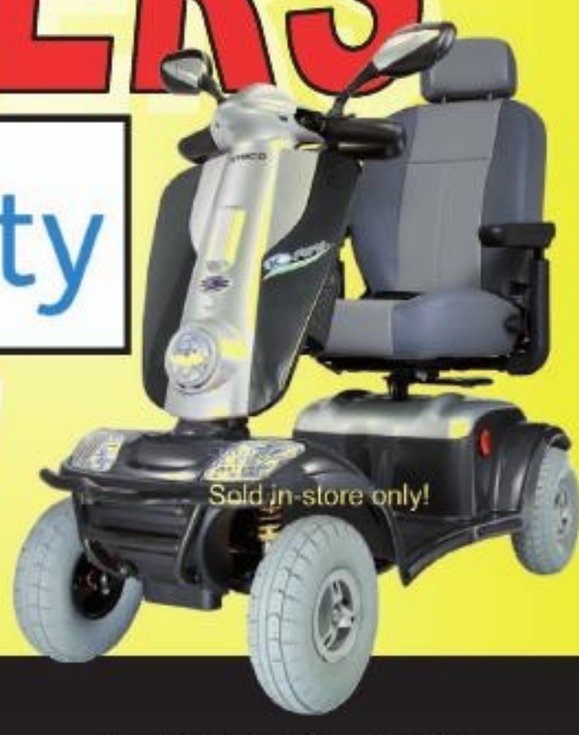


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# O2 goes all-American!

OXFORD'S O2 Academy is host to three American bands next week, as Reel Big Fish, Less Than Jake and Zebrahead bring their UK tour to the city on Tuesday.

Ska punk band Reel Big Fish have been performing since the early nineties, and are best known for their 1997 hit 'Sell Out'.

They released their latest album 'Candy Coated Fury' in 2012, six years after they went independent when they were dropped by their record label.

**By Adam Flinn**
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"We were very happy to be off the major label because they didn't understand us," said lead singer Aaron Barrett.

"They didn't know what to call us, how to market us or who to market us to. So eventually they just ended up doing nothing.

"The best thing about us now is that we're not trying so hard. We're just having fun making music.

"I think everybody is in a good place now and we're a better band. We're happy."

Joining the group for the co-headline tour is ska band Less Than Jake, who like Reel Big Fish have been in the music business since 1992.

Drummer Vinnie Fiorello said: "We have been lucky to have found a second home in the UK and now we get to enjoy it with our great friends in Reel Big Fish and Zebrahead!"

Lead singer Chris DeMakes added: "Twenty years of blood, sweat and beers. It's been a privilege and a pleasure.

"We have survived more trends than we can count and have managed, so far, to leave a legacy of music two decades long."

The two groups are being supported by Californian rock band Zebrahead, following the release of last year's album 'Call Your Friends'.

Bassist Ben Osmundson said: "We can't wait to come back with our friends Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake.

"Great friends, great beers, great shows and the UK. What could be any better!"

Doors open at 7pm.

• *Reel Big Fish, Less Than Jake and Zebrahead come to Oxford on Tuesday*

## Celtic show

THE Celtic Ladies and Dublin's Irish Tenors Overview come to Oxford's New Theatre on Saturday, with their take on international hits both old and new.

They come to Oxford as part of their European tour, and will perform songs from a mix of favourites including The Carpenters, Adele, Celine Dion and many more.

Tickets start from £15.90, and the show begins at 7.30pm.

## November Day

CHILDREN'S theatre production A November Day is being staged at the North Wall Arts Centre on Wednesday, with a story about a survivor of the First World War.

Using evocative puppet characters, it tells the tale of friendship during the war.

Go to www.thenorthwall.com for more information.

## Comic Chris

THE Cotswold Comedy Club returns to Chipping Norton Theatre next Thursday, headlined this time by Chris McCausland.

Chris is believed to be the only professional comedian in the UK who is blind, and although he does make reference to his disability, he prefers to let the variety of his writing stand out.

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Valentines

# Put a smile on his face this Valentine's Day

By James Booker

WHILE Valentine's Day is traditionally reserved for romance, there are plenty of people who believe the celebration has become too commercial.

However, a little frivolity and fun can reduce the stress placed on buying gifts for a loved one, allowing you to find the perfect gift for your partner easily and show you are still a romantic at heart deep down.

Hunting for a Valentine's Day card for a man can be difficult, particularly if you are keen to find something that has meaning to you both but isn't soppy or covered in kisses and kittens.

One simple way round this issue is to create personal Valentine's Day cards ahead of February 14.

Instead of desperately trying to create something that epitomises your feelings for your special man, simply pick something that will make him laugh or smile and save the heartfelt romantic gesture for the message inside the card.

The simplest thing can add a personal touch and mark a normal card or present out as something special.

It might just be something that you don't immediately realise until you take a second glance and it is this quality that makes them such amazing gifts.

A present for a loved one doesn't need to be awe-inspiring, it just has to be interesting and most importantly, heartfelt.

In fact some men are a great deal more romantic than the ladies, but that all depends on the man. Not all men would appreciate football-themed personalised Valentine's Day cards, just as not all women appreciate cuddly toy-themed cards.

The idea of personalised cards is that you use them to your advantage and choose a theme or design that is perfectly suited to the person they are intended for, whether that is male or female. When it comes to Valentine's Day, all stereotypes should be left aside and the individual kept in mind at all times.

Anyone's intention on Valentines Day is to make that special someone in their lives smile. It doesn't matter how you do this, whether it is through comedy, romance, or old-fashioned cheesy salutations. Just as long as you do something to create that smile, it doesn't matter what road you take to get there.

There are many themes that are very well suited to male recipients. There are the more obvious football and other sports themes, that can of course be personalised to your precise needs. Then there are other suitable themes such as music, or musical instruments.

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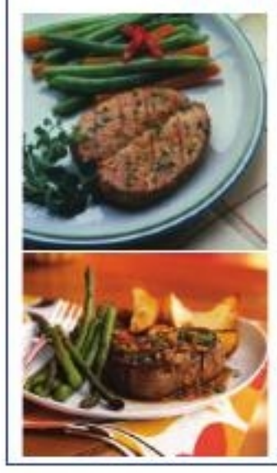

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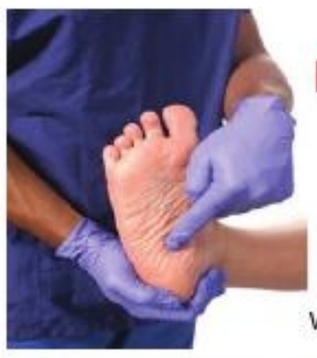

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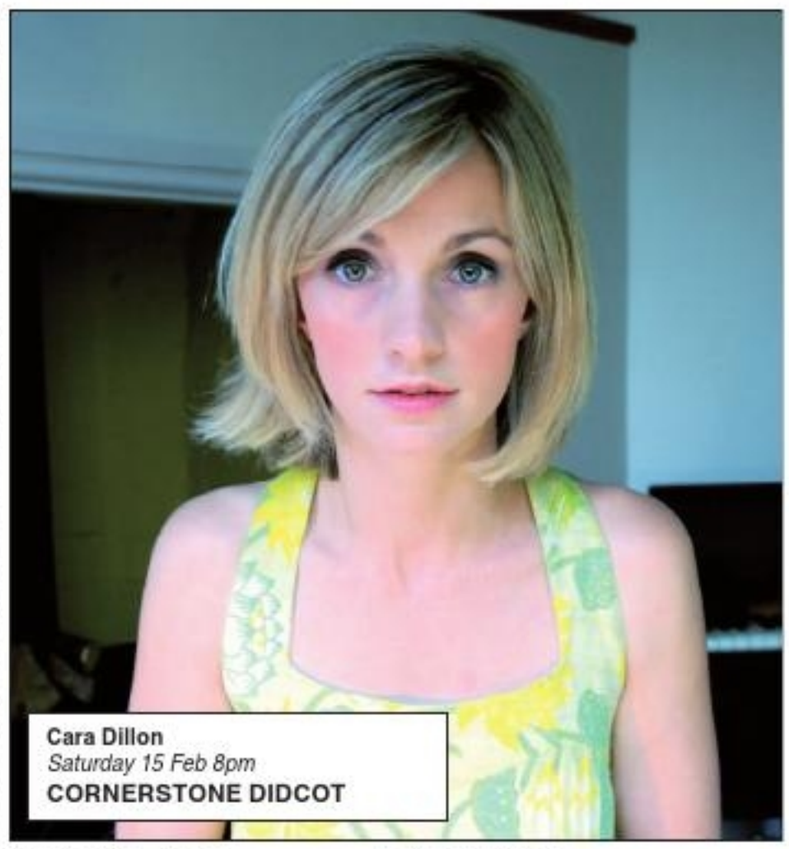

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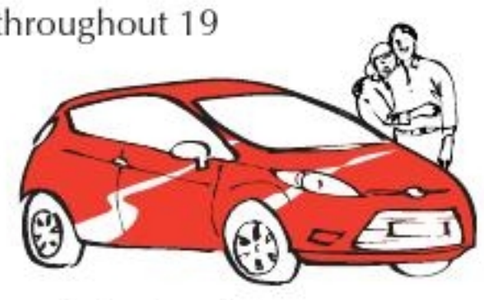

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Peta says that when people start losing their hearing they should have it tested as soon as possible. If people have regular hearing checks then problems can be detected earlier rather than later which will help in bringing their hearing back to as near normal as possible with an appropriate hearing aid system.

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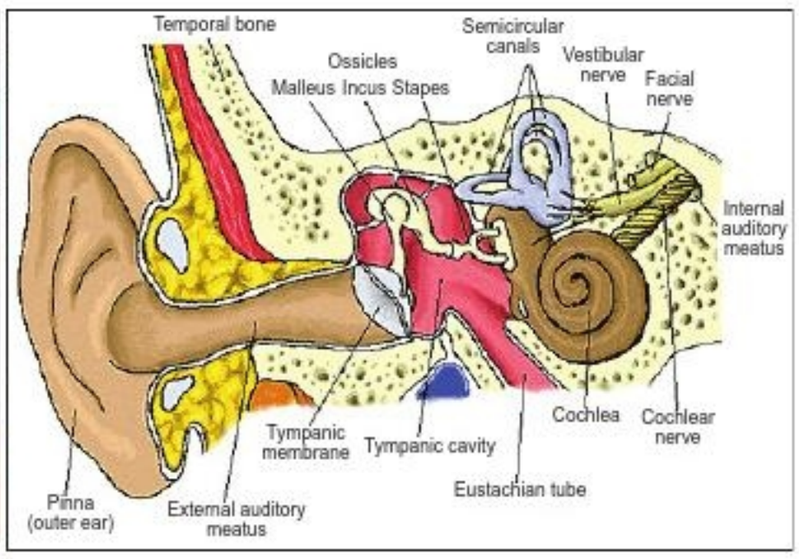


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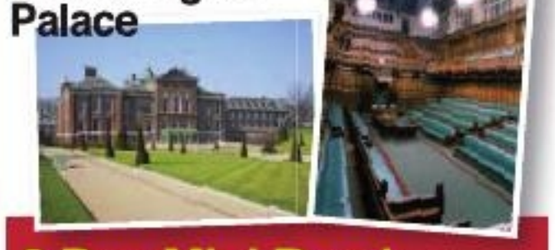

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**Day 2:** Enjoy breakfast before we board the coach for Holyhead Ferry terminal and our mid-day sailing to Dublin. We arrive in Dublin and head for Donegal via Navan and Cavan to admire the lakes of County Fermanagh landscape.
**Day 3:** A full day excursion featuring the jewel of County Donegal – the Glenveagh National Park. We travel through Ballybofey and Letterkenny and pass through the Blue Stack Mountains to the Glenveagh Castle and estate. Entrance to the Castle is included.
**Day 4:** A full day excursion in the beautiful countryside of Co. Sligo. First stop in the village of Drumcliff, the final resting place of WB Yeats. Next to Sligo – a popular tourist destination in Ireland.
**Day 5:** Today is left free for you to explore Donegal at your own pace.
**Day 6:** A last breakfast in Tralee then board the coach for DUBLIN! We should arrive in Dublin around 12:30pm. Enjoy a few hours this afternoon exploring, shopping, sightseeing and have lunch.
**Day 7:** Early start today as we take the ferry from Dublin to Holyhead.

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Coach departs: **Monday 9th June** £249

**Look What's Included...**

**Eastbourne is the best-kept town in Sussex and one of the best in England with its flowering Promenades and pristine beaches. The surrounding area is glorious too - from the rolling South Downs to breathtaking Beachy Head - there's so much to do in this lovely corner of England.**

**Day 1:** Meet our coach this morning as we head to Eastbourne. We'll have the usual meal and comfort stops on the way down and arrive late afternoon, with time to settle in and get acquainted with the hotel before dinner this evening.
**Day 2:** After a first hearty breakfast (or plenty of lighter options) we enjoy a day out to Regency Brighton with its beautiful Royal Pavilion, the famous Pier and the atmospheric Lanes shopping area.
**Day 3:** What many of you will consider by far the highlight of your break - a trip to Magnificent Leeds Castle. Built on two islands in the middle of a Lake - arguably the loveliest Castle in Great Britain and a must to visit as we are in the area.
**Day 4:** Today is left free so you can relax and explore delightful Eastbourne at your own pace.
**Day 5:** A last breakfast to see us on our way as we leave for home.

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Coach departs: **Monday 9th June** £199

**Look What's Included...**

**Day 1:** Join our coach this morning on a leisurely journey into South Wales as we head for Fishguard and board the 2:30pm Ferry to Rosslare in Southern Ireland. Arrive in good time for dinner and a relaxing first evening in Ireland.
**Day 2:** A trip to the city of Kilkenny. On the way we travel through the beautiful scenery of the Nire Valley region.
**Day 3:** A trip to Ireland's third city of Cork which is fascinating city and important sea port. On the way to Cork we also stop a while in Cobh (pronounced 'Cove') A very nice, quiet coastal town with a beautiful Cathedral. Cobh is famous as the last port of call of the Titanic on its maiden voyage in 1912.
**Day 4:** Today is left free so you have a chance to explore Dungarvan at your own pace.
**Day 5:** We leave after an early breakfast and catch the 9am ferry from Rosslare back to Fishguard then continue home to your original joining point.

**Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan** ★★★
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### 5 Day Coach Holiday

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Price includes: 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast plus coach travel & trips out. *Single Supp. £23*

Coach departs: **Wednesday 18th June** £269

**Look What's Included...**

**Day 1:** On the first day we drive down to Southampton. Here we board the 'Red Funnel' ferry to the Isle of Wight - arriving at East Cowes and make the short drive to the Burlington Hotel in Sandown. There's time to settle-in and freshen-up before dinner this evening.
**Day 2:** After breakfast, we've arranged a lovely day out for you. A trip to the Victorian town of Ventor then on to the famous 'Needles' at Alum Bay ending the day in picture postcard Godshill including a cream tea at the Old Smithy.
**Day 3:** Trip to Newport and the seaside town of Ryde. For new years eve we have lively entertainment, fancy dress as we count down to midnight!
**Day 6:** A later breakfast today, then We've today free so you can explore Sandown at your own pace.
**Day 5:** A last breakfast before we set off for home.

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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## Two speed crossword

**Quick Clues Across**

1 Platform (6)
7 Tract of level land (7)
8 Front cutting tooth (7)
9 Rows (5)
10 Physical features of a region (9)
12 Worn scrap of cloth (3)
13 Oceans (4)
15 Row of houses (7)
17 Dislike (4)
19 Fowl (3)
21 Making obese (9)
22 Circular frame (5)
23 Rule in tyrannical way (7)
24 Force exerted by reduced air pressure (7)
25 Joins (6)

**Quick Clues Down**

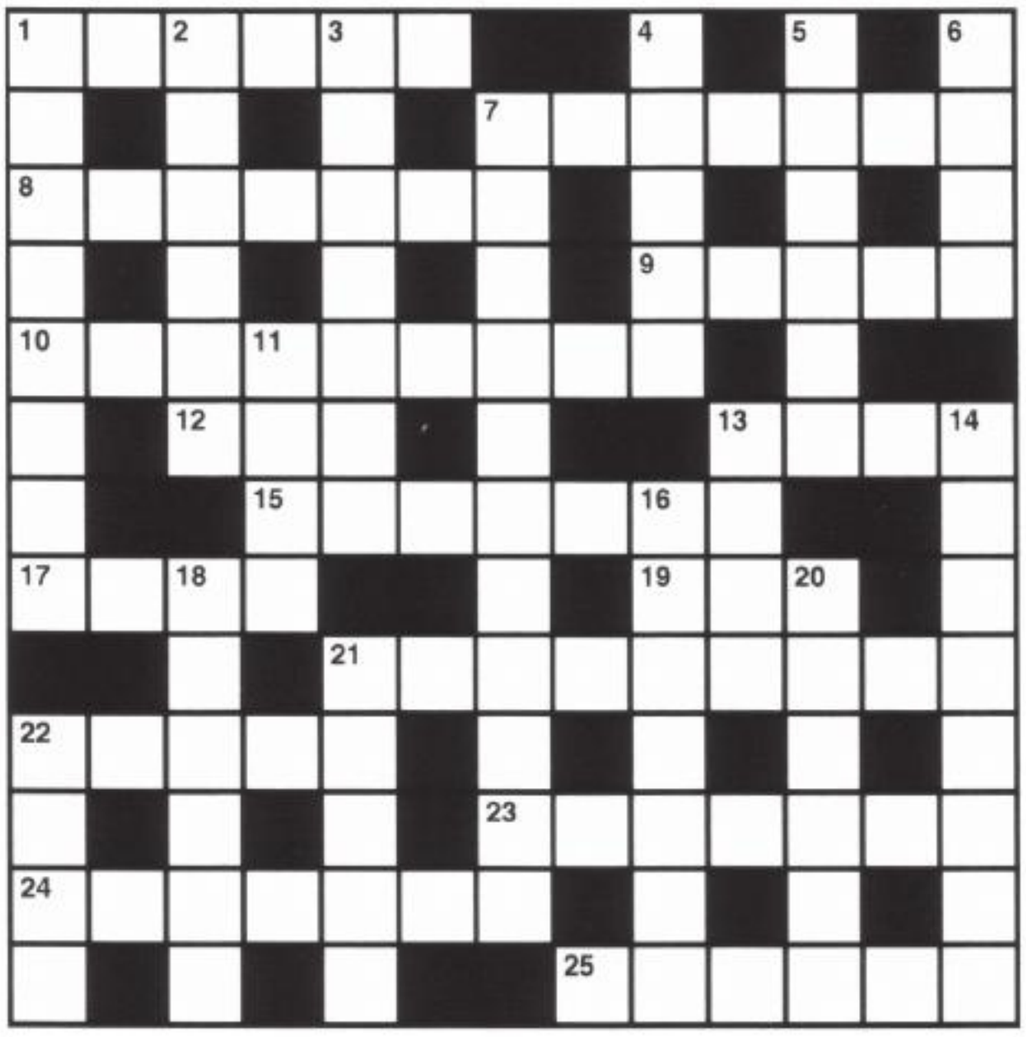
1 Self-righteously moral (8)
2 Medical practitioner (6)
3 Sudden increase (7)
4 Over-quick (5)
5 Go back (6)
6 Unnecessary worry (4)
7 Readiness (11)
11 Entrance (4)
13 Viewed (4)
14 Proposes (8)
16 Debase (7)
18 Ditch (6)
20 Most agreeable (6)
21 Aptitude (5)
22 Sagacious (4)

**Cryptic Clues Across**

1 Guides the saints around for ever (6)
7 Festival drink for Pygmalion's love (7)
8 Reveal how Uncle begins to take over? (7)
9 A flower for the shepherd? (5)
10 Photographs sailors, in leading parts (4,5)
12 Note the bishop's office (3)
13 Lies about a little bit of land (4)
15 They are added to sum up the last article (7)
17 The essence of trusting is truth (4)
19 It's laid quite naturally (3)
21 They are responsible for many a storm in a teacup (9)
22 Postponement of French song (5)
23 Got stung? Annoyed, of course (7)
24 Go back and buy them another meal (7)
25 A Spanish gentleman is so good-looking (6)

**Cryptic Clues Down**

1 Packing with different fun gifts? (8)
2 Beats the former cavities (6)
3 The clergyman had a different side charged (7)
4 Thunderous applause (5)
5 Beastly places where engine cuts out (6)
6 Russian leader got German money by the sound of it (4)
7 10 have to face up to it (6,5)
11 Food sounds suitable (but not for vegetarians) (4)
13 Shakespearian character says 'I'll have a go' (4)
14 Is so deep in stories (8)
16 Set indeed is appointed (7)
18 A lute's used to welcome (6)
20 Fast-eating sprite? (6)
21 Does key work (5)
22 Most unfair (4)



## Scribble space

## Last week's solutions

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**Quick Crossword**

Across: 4 Camera 8 Nippers 10 Tendons 11 Upset 12 Vials 13 Fragrance 16 Assistant 19 Plant 20 Resin 22 Ominous 23 Heedful 24 Basest

Down: 1 Engulf 2 Spas 3 Perturbations _5 Anniversaries 6 Egomania 7 Assess 9 Stern 14 Aquatics 15 Aplomb 17 Slash 18 Tangle 21 Soft

**Cryptic Crossword**

Across: 4 Probed 8 Endured 10 Endwise 11 Stern 12 Elder 13 Ascendant 16 Bowlegged 19 Dingo 20 Dance 22 Averred 23 Stymied 24 Desist

Down: 1 Persia 2 Idle 3 Ironing boards 5 Redletter days 6 Blinding 7 Dreary 9 Delia 14 Chancels 15 Edward 17 Words 18 Dreads 21 Nail

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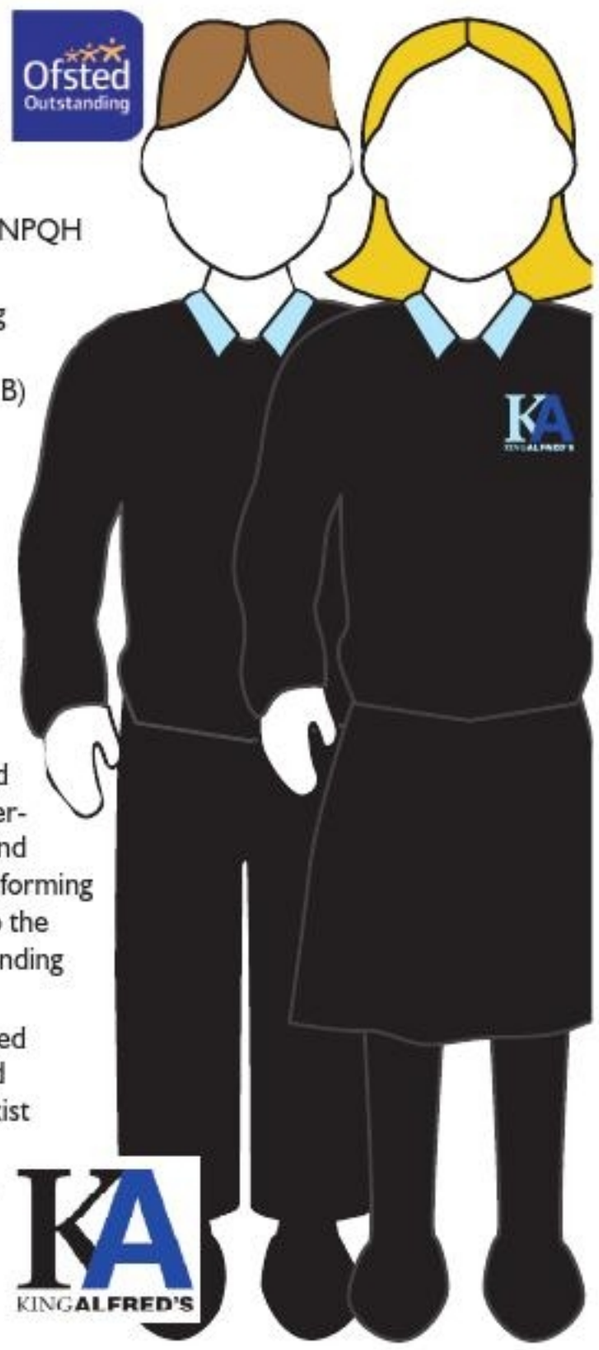

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**Extra Curricular:** We foster a love of learning through a rich and high quality range of extra-curricular trips, clubs and activities. Students are able to travel China, Spain, France, Germany and Sweden each year. Of particular note, our Science Clubs have excellent links with Oxford University and our sports and performing arts provision is exceptional.
**School's Philosophy:** We are committed to developing leadership skills in girls through our bespoke Leadership Ladder and a vibrant House system. We offer a happy and inclusive school and a strong community ethos. All girls' education enables our students to develop confidence, resilience and exceptionally high levels of aspiration. We aspire to excellence in all that we do.
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**www.kingham-hill.oxon.sch.uk**
**Head Teacher** Mr N. Seward
**Sex of pupils** Boys and Girls **Age of pupils** 11-18
**Founded** 1886
**Mission** Our Mission is to... Provide an excellent all-round education within a distinctively Christian context. We welcome talented pupils from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances, and aim to produce young people of vision, faith, and character, who are well-qualified and equipped to flourish in their adult lives.
**Entrance Requirement** We accept pupils of average ability and better. Very able pupils benefit from the specialist input of Octagon, our academic society. All pupils receive just the right balance of challenge and encouragement to help them reach their full academic potential.
**Campus** Most first time visitors to the school experience the 'wow' factor as they turn into our grounds and make their way along the main drive. We are surrounded by our stunning 96 acre site and delightful rolling Cotswold countryside. We also lie just a short walk from Kingham, 'England's favourite village'.
**Extra-curricular** We recognise that there is more to life than academic study. Kingham Hill has open access to a whole range of activities both on campus and further afield, which enhances the all-round development of our pupils. These include a wide range of clubs and many other occasional recreational opportunities.
We also encourage our pupils to get involved in community service, charity work and charity fundraising.

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# School life

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### WALLINGFORD SCHOOL

**Wallingford School, St George's Road, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8HH**
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**Head Teacher** Mr N. J. Willis
**Sex of pupils** Boys and girls **Age** 11-18 years

Wallingford was the highest attaining state school in Oxfordshire at GCSE in 2012 and 2013. Last year our students achieved 76% 5A* - C with English (80%) and mathematics (81%). Our value added score puts us in the top 4% nationally. Our boys would finish third equal in the county on their own, while the girls secured a tremendous 83% 5A*-C with English and maths. Most impressive is the outstanding progress of our students, from the lower ability to the very high achieving. This is remarkable for a school that accepts all students regardless of academic profile, income, gender or faith.

Year on year our Sixth Form value added results place us in the top 25% of the country for students studying pure A Levels and for those combining them with vocational courses. Our results are particularly strong in the more rigorous 'facilitating' subjects and every student applying to university on results day is successful.

Our curriculum has always been centred upon a traditional academic offer, supplemented with vocational courses where appropriate. There is very strong support for our gifted students, running from induction to university entry, detailed in a bespoke prospectus. There is also a separate publication for those who experience difficulty learning.

**Extra-curricular** The extra-curricular offer is extensive. It ranges from clubs and teams in the school week, through day trips to longer residential visits to places in the UK and Europe, with the expeditions to places like Borneo and Nicaragua at the more adventurous end. We also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**Mission** Our aim is to send everyone into the world able and qualified to play their full part. We do not employ any eye-catching strategies or unique structures. We do the simple things well, through very hard work indeed. The real achievement of the staff is that they have created a high-performing school while keeping a happy, warm atmosphere. We think this is because of a real love of teaching and learning, allied to clear boundaries for behaviour. Working and studying at Wallingford is a real privilege; one we earn through hard work and respect for each other. Young people thrive here.

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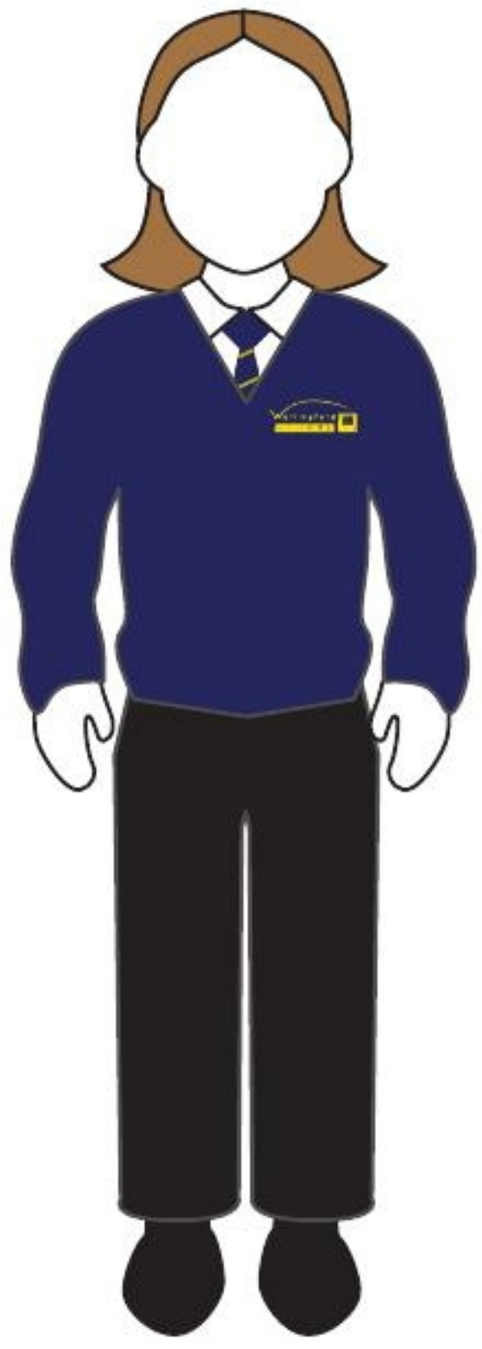

# Prep list: Do's and don'ts for parents

## • Start planning early

Choose the secondary school or schools you would like your child to attend and work backwards: which is the best pre-prep or nursery, prep or primary school to get there? Choose a school that suits your child, not your ambitions.

## • Do your homework

Learn about prospective schools for your child and visit, visit, visit. You should be looking seriously by the time your child is eight or nine years old.

## • Get involved

Take an interest in what your child is learning and make yourself familiar with the types of tests set by schools. But don't bore your child to death – they can't spend all evening doing practice papers.

## • Prepare your child

Prepare your child for interview but beware of coaching. If you do, your child may come out with something painful, like: "Mummy and Daddy told me to say I was a perfectionist."

## • Consider tutoring

Think about hiring a private tutor if, say, your child is going for entrance to an independent day school or grammar school. But don't turn your child's life into a miserable round of nonstop coaching.

## • Stay calm

Do not convey the stress you feel to your child, particularly at exam time. Your attitude should be that your child is applying to three or four wonderful schools and you would be happy with any of them.

## What schools must publish on their website

Schools must put on their website: how much money they get from taking underprivileged children (the 'pupil premium'), what they do with it and the effect it's had

· details of the curriculum
· admission criteria
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# Half Term Fun!

## Enjoy a week of 'Auto Science Live' at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon

The Heritage Motor Centre is inviting families to enjoy a fun packed week of 'Auto Science Live' during the February half term. The event, which runs from the 15 – 23 February, features a range of free activities bringing automotive engineering and the science behind it to life. Every day children can get 'hands-on' and test their powers of observation with the Auto Science Trail or join in a family story-telling tours. Plus there are different workshops and drop in sessions going on every day.

'Mad Science' is brought to life on the Monday at 11am and 1pm for a 45 minute show full of cool interactive demonstrations and hands on activities where visitors can feel the power of what science is all about. Back by popular demand 'Lego Technics' takes place on the Tuesday from 10:30am – 3pm when children can design, build and test their own Lego Technic machines.

Visitors up for a challenge can take part in 'Wheelie Lego' on the Wednesday or get 'Auto Crafty' on Thursday from 10:30am – 3pm and to round off the week visitors can enjoy the fast and furious setting their lap time on the fun sized Scalextric race track with 'Mighty Fast Friday'.

Emma Rawlinson, Life Long Learning Officer for the Heritage Motor Centre stated "We are delighted to be hosting a week of family fun Auto Science Live activities with all of them designed to entertain but also educate. Not only do our activities include something for all ages, but all are free of charge!"

The Heritage Motor Centre is home to the world's largest collection of historic British vehicles with over 200 on display, as well as an outdoor play area and café, there is something for everyone.

All half term activities are FREE of charge but normal Museum entry fees apply: Adults £12, Child £8 (5-16 years) under 5's free, Concessions £10 & Family £34 (2 adults & up to 3 children). Buy one day and get 12 months free if you Gift Aid your entrance.

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## Vauxhall ADAM is 'best connected small car in its segment'

# Based on a smartphone

**VAUXHALL Motors has launched a limited edition of 250 ADAMs creating even more levels of personalisation for the urban chic city car. The ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition take their design cues from a smartphone, encompassing optimal connectivity and a sleek and stylish feel.**

The Vauxhall ADAM is the best connected small car in its segment and the new ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition come with Vauxhall's IntelliLink infotainment system and Siri Eyes Free voice control fitted as standard. They reflect typical smartphone looks in black or white, with accents in brushed aluminium effect.

"The ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition models resemble sophisticated smartphones on wheels," says Duncan Aldred, Chairman and Managing Director, Vauxhall Motors.

"The ADAM combines innovative technologies with countless personalisation possibilities which are not available in its segment. With these new models, our urban chic city car once again shows that it is the best connected small car and a true individualisation champion all wrapped up in one."

REVIEW: Vauxhall ADAM

By **Andy Allens**

### Facts at a glance

Engine - 1.4i 16v VVT (87PS)
Max Speed (mph) - 109
Acceleration 0-62mph (sec) - 12.5
Urban Driving - 38.2 (7.4)
Extra Urban Driving - 62.8 (4.4)
Combined Figure - 51.4 (5.5)
CO2 Emissions g/km - 130

ADAM drivers who have an iOS 6 – or later – compatible iPhone can comfortably and safely activate the Siri Eyes Free function via steering wheel controls and operate it with voice commands while keeping their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road.

Ultra-modern technology and design is mirrored in the looks of the special ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition models.

The ADAM comes in 'I'll be Black' metallic paint or 'Saturday White Fever' brilliant paint exterior colours. The rest of the exterior carries a brushed, aluminium-look including the side mirror housings, and grille bar carrying the Vauxhall logo. In addition, there are tinted rear windows and 18-inch wheels in a Twister design with matching brushed aluminium finish wheel clips. The black or white lacquered standard roof spoiler, as well as the characteristically shaped headlamps with LED daytime running lights and LED rear lights ensure the car standouts amongst its rivals. The sport chassis provides plenty of driving fun with its direct response and sports pedals. Inside the cabin, the seats, instruments and applications continue the exterior colour scheme.

In the ADAM Black Edition, all occupants enjoy the comfort of Ocio Black Morrocana seat trim cushions. While the centre console and instrument panel are piano black, the door trims, glove box, leather gear knob and handbrake handle are in contrasting bright white.

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| 2005 55 | BMW 3 Series 318i ES 2.0 Petrol 6-Speed Manual 37850 Miles | £6,295 |

**FIAT**

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| 2007 07 | Fiat Grande Punto Active 8v 5dr 1.2 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 56000 Miles | £3,995 |

**FORD**

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| 2006 56 | Ford Galaxy Zetec Tdci 7 Seats Demo+1 Turbo Diesel 6-Speed Manual 63000 Miles | £7,995 |
| 2004 04 | Ford Focus C-Max Ghia 1.8 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 79,425 Miles | £3,495 |
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| 2003 52 | Ford Focus CL 1.6 Est Petrol 5-Speed Manual 89000 Miles | £2,395 |
| 2001 Y | Ford Galaxy Zetec 16v 2.3 petrol, manual 113,800 miles | £2,295 |
| 1999 S | Ford Focus LX 5dr 1.6 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 81880 Miles | £1,895 |
| 2002 52 | Ford Ka Ka 3dr Petrol 5-Speed Manual 41644 Miles | £1,795 |
| 2000 W | Ford Focus Zetec 3dr 1.6 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 105000 Miles | £1,695 |

**HONDA**

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| 2007 07 | Honda Civic 1.8 SE I-VTEC 5dr Petrol 6-Speed Manual 88620 Miles | £4,995 |
| 2007 56 | Honda Jazz Dsi SE 5dr 1.4 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 53640 Miles | £4,695 |
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| 2006 55 | Hyundai Getz Gsi SE 3dr Petrol 5-Speed Manual 24000 Miles | £3,295 |
| 2003 53 | Hyundai Getz Gsi 5dr 1.3 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 55460 Miles | £2,495 |

**KIA**

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| 2004 54 | Kia Picanto GS 5dr 1.0 - £30 A YEAR TAX Petrol 5-Speed Manual 34490 Miles | £2,995 |
| 2005 05 | Kia Picanto LX 5dr 1.1 - £105 A YEAR TAX Petrol 5-Speed Manual 51470 Miles | £2,795 |

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| 2004 04 | Land Rover Freelander S Station Wagon Petrol 5-Speed Manual 92146 Miles | £3,995 |
| 2003 53 | Land Rover Freelander Masai hard top 1.8 petrol 5-speed manual 69080 miles | £3,295 |

**MAZDA**

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| 2006 56 | Mazda Mazda5 5 Sport D 7str 2.0 Turbo Diesel 6-Speed Manual 86870 Miles | £5,695 |
| 2008 57 | Mazda Mazda3 3 Sport Diesel 143 5dr 2.0 Turbo Diesel 6-Speed Manual 68000 Miles | £5,495 |
| 2001 51 | Mazda MX-5 Convertible 1.6 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 84227 Miles | £2,895 |
| 2003 S | Mazda Mazda6 6 Ts2 Auto Petrol Automatic 56240 Miles | £2,695 |

**MINI**

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| 2000 W | Rover Mini Cooper I 2 Door Saloon Petrol 48000 Miles | £5,495 |

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| 2010 10 | Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart Gsr 5dr HATCH Turbo 28000 Miles | £10,495 |
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| 2006 56 | Peugeot 207 Sport 3dr 1.4 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 56480 Miles | £3,995 |
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| 2005 05 | Peugeot 307 Quiksilver SE 5dr 1.6 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 67830 Miles | £2,995 |
| 2006 55 | Peugeot 407 SW SE, Petrol 6-Speed Manual 103840 Miles | £2,795 |
| 2004 54 | Peugeot 206 SW S 1.4 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 57180 Miles | £2,695 |
| 2002 52 | Peugeot 206 SW XT 1.4 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 54890 Miles | £2,495 |
| 2001 Y | Peugeot 206 LX 3dr 1.1 - LOW TAX & INS Petrol 5-Speed Manual 63075 Miles | £1,695 |
| 2000 W | Peugeot 106 1.1 Zest 2 5dr Petrol 5-Speed Manual 64015 Miles | £1,295 |

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| 2002 52 | Porsche Boxster 24v 2.7 Ready to go! Petrol 5-Speed Manual 111210 Miles | £5,995 |

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| 2003 03 | Renault Kangoo Authentique dCi Wheelchair Ramp Turbo Diesel 5-Speed Manual 65700 Miles | £2,995 |
| 2004 04 | Renault Scenic Privilege 16v 1.6 Petrol 5-Speed Manual 71650 Miles | £2,795 |
| 2003 53 | Renault Clio Dynamique Billabong 1.4 16v 3dr, Petrol 5-Speed Manual 60,310 miles | £2,495 |

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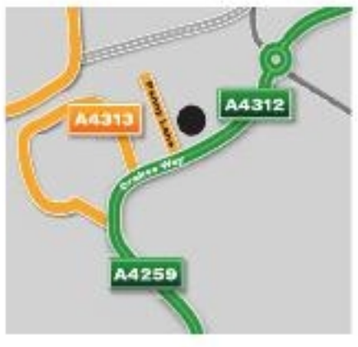


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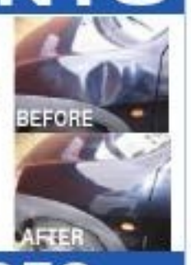


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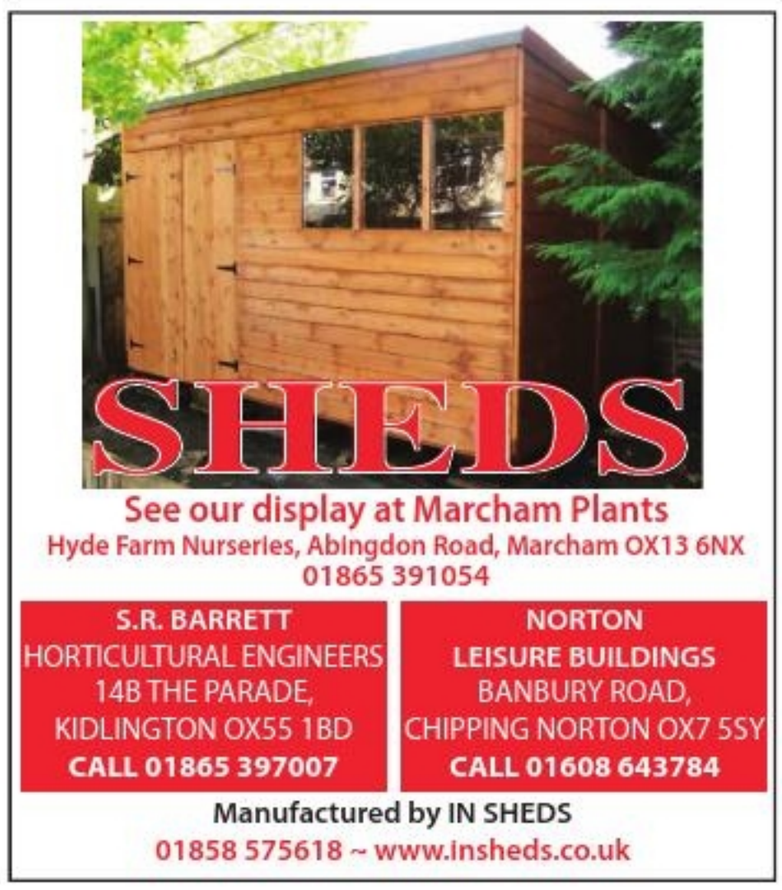


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## Personals

# Ruffels nets first U's goal as Lewis stays unbeaten

CARETAKER manager Mickey Lewis thought Oxford United's 1-1 draw at relegation-threatened Bury was one of the 'toughest' games of the season.

Josh Ruffels scored his first senior goal to earn United a draw in Greater Manchester on Tuesday night, moving Lewis' side to within four points of league leaders Chesterfield.

United headed in to Tuesday's game with the opportunity to not only stay in the top three but to remain in touch with the Spireites and second-placed Scunthorpe United.

However, they came up against a Bury side who, despite lying 17th in the Sky Bet League Two, play attractive football under new manager David Flitcroft.

While Oxford have not been beaten on their travels in the league this season, Bury have not lost at home since November 2.

And Lewis was under no illusions of how important a point at the JD Stadium could be for United's promotion hopes.

"I've got to be honest, it was well documented before the game, that their current form was as good as ours and they have had a change of manager and players," said Lewis.

"Someone said before the game there was only one player who played against us in the home game.

"I've got to say that they are one of the best teams we've played against."

Lewis was brave in his selection and stuck to the mantra of blooding local youngsters in to the first team.

Ruffels, a regular in recent weeks, kept his place in the starting line-up while 20-year-old Matt Bevans continued at right-back and Callum O'Dowda, who is only 18, featured on the left-hand side of midfield.

Their selection was proved right as Bevans and O'Dowda never looked out of place while Ruffels got his just deserves when he headed home Danny Rose's corner on 58 minutes.

Ruffels' equaliser was all the more important for United as Craig Jones had given Bury the lead just 60 seconds earlier.

United make the trip to Bristol Rovers on Saturday and Lewis added: "In the last six games we have won three and drawn three so that's really good form.

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• *Mickey Lewis (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

"John Ward will have them right up for it but they probably should be doing better than they are.

"We know we will go there with a big crowd and it is one of those games that we look forward to."

## Scott howler gifts victory to Barrow

AN ERROR from goalkeeper Mark Scott handed Barrow a 1-0 win over Oxford City at Marsh Lane on Tuesday.

City were looking to end Barrow's eight-match unbeaten run and held their own against one of the Skrill North's in-form teams.

However, Scott's error in the 11th minute proved to be the difference.

His mis-placed clearance fell to Phil Marsh who lobbed the ball over Scott who slipped while trying to recover.

The defeat leaves Mike Ford's side 20th in the table but Histon's defeat to Boston during midweek has handed them a lifeline.

City still have two games in hand over bottom side Workington and three over 19th-placed Stalybridge Celtic.

Ford's men are at home to AFC Telford United this Saturday.

## Weather puts pay to non-league games

ONLY a handful of the county's non-league teams' matches survived the wet weather, with games from the Hellenic Premier League, Oxfordshire Senior Cup and Hellenic Floodlit Cup.

Saturday saw Kidlington beat Highmoor Ibis 3-2, while Thame United endured a 1-0 loss on home soil.

Thame are seventh in the standings with 45 points, while Kidlington move up to 10th with a points total of 36.

Kidlington were back in action on Tuesday night, as they advanced to the semi-final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup after a 5-1 win at home against Oxford University Press FC.

And Milton United lost in the third round of the Hellenic Floodlit Cup on Tuesday, after losing 2-0 away to Brimscombe and Thrupp.

As well as the weekend fixtures, Wednesday's fixtures between Oxford City Nomads and Ardley United, and Shrivenham's match against Wantage Town, were both called off.

The teams will hope to return to action in the league on Saturday, with Abingdon Town scheduled to play Wootton Bassett Town, while Oxford City Nomads make the trip to Bracknell Town.

Thame United are away to Cheltenham Saracens, Wantage Town travel to Holyport and Kidlington host Flackwell Heath.

# 'Pleasure' for Smith to be back on track

• *Bradley Smith (Picture courtesy of Tech3)*

BRADLEY Smith said it was a "pleasure" to be back on his Monster Yamaha Tech3 at this week's Sepang test.

The 23-year-old was 10th and seventh on the opening two days, declaring himself pleased with how 2014 has begun.

Smith said: "It has been a big pleasure to be back on track.

"Physically I felt much better than last year at this stage, so I'm happy my training seems to have paid off.

"I also feel very comfortable with the set up of the bike but due to the regulation changes the electronic system is different and we spent the whole day working on it, to make the bike feel a bit more like mine.

"In general I'm really happy with how we started, the majority of my laps were faster than last year as we did a lot of 2:01's."

World champion Marc Marquez was fastest on day two with 1:59.9, with teammate Dani Pedrosa, Stefan Bradl and Valentino Rossi making up the top four.

Smith was the fastest of the British riders with former teammate Cal Crutchlow in 12th on the Ducati and Scott Redding 21st on the Gresini Honda.

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## Sport Bites

### One shot out

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell missed the cut at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic.

The World No. 279 hit opening rounds of 71 and 72 to leave him one-under-par in a field which contained Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.

However, the 23-year-old missed the cut by just one shot.

### Hawks beaten

OXFORD Hawks suffered a 4-1 defeat at home to Old Georgians Men's 1s last Saturday.

Despite dominating the early stages, the visitors took the lead against the run of play and never looked back.

Hawks face Oxford University Men's 1s this Saturday.

### Local derby

OXFORD City Stars return to action at the weekend, as they prepare to face Swindon Wildcats away on Saturday before hosting Lee Valley Lions on Sunday.

Stars haven't played since a 3-3 draw with Chelmsford Warriors on January 26, and are currently second in the standings with 21 points from 15 games, one behind leaders Slough Jets.

They will be looking to get back to winning ways against local rivals Swindon, and win their first game since a 5-1 victory against Wightlink Tigers on January 12.

## Tough Henley run goes on after defeat

HENLEY Hawks endured another loss in the RFU National League 1 on Saturday, going down 25-10 away to Richmond.

The Hawks have lost seven of their last eight games and are steadily slipping down the table, with the side now 12th with 41 points from 21 games.

Elsewhere, Oxford Harlequins' dominant season continued in emphatic fashion, as they thrashed Reading 73-5 away from home.

They are comfortably top of the South West 1 East standings with 75 points, 17 ahead of closest rivals Towcestrians and Windsor.

Windsor had been due to play Grove on Saturday, but the game was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, meaning Grove remain ninth with 38 points.

Chinnor's match against Ampthill and District also fell foul of the weather, and they are now 11th in the National League 2 South. All four teams are scheduled to play away matches on Saturday, as Hawks face Doncaster, Harlequins play Windsor, Chinnor travel to Bishops Stortford and Grove have an Oxfordshire derby against Witney.

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# SLOW START COSTS EXILES

## Spirited Plymouth consign Burnell's men to first league loss of 2014

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LONDON Welsh lost their first RFU Championship game of the calendar year on Saturday, as they were defeated 36-15 away to Plymouth Albion.

Going into the match, Plymouth were eight places and 27 points behind Welsh, but a spirited display from the hosts gave them a well-earned win.

It was a disastrous start for Welsh, as they leaked three tries in the opening 13 minutes, all of which were converted by Declan Cusack.

Thomas Bowen got the first, Toby Howley-Berridge the second and Sam Matavesi the third, with only a Gordon Ross kick getting Welsh on the board for a 21-3 scoreline after less than 15 minutes.

The Exiles hit back as Nathan Trevett pulled a try back, although Ross' conversion came back off the post.

But instead of beginning a comeback, Welsh fell further back as Bowen went over for his second try of the game, wrapping up the bonus point in the process.

Before the break, Seb Stegmann scored a try and Ross was able to get the extras, although a slip as he kicked meant it only just sneaked over.

At 28-15 Welsh were still in with a chance at the break, but in the second half they would not trouble the score sheet again.

Cusack added a penalty to extend their lead further, and a number of errors by the Exiles meant that Plymouth's lead went untroubled.

Albion got a fifth try from the final play of the game, scored from a poor Welsh clearance that found Chris Elder, who ran in down the wing for another five points.

The result, coupled with Rotherham's win over Moseley, meant that Welsh lost top spot in the standings, and are now three points behind their South Yorkshire rivals.

It means there is now extra significance on Welsh's home game with Rotherham on Sunday, as they look to bounce back from Saturday's disappointing defeat.

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